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FURTHER PROMOTION AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS, INCLUDING THE QUESTION OF THE ROGRAMME AND METHODS OF WORK OF THE COMMISSION

Afghanistan*, Algeria*, Argentina*, Azerbaijan*, Brazil, Cameroon, Colombia, Cuba, Czech Republic*, Guatemala*, Nicaragua*, Peru, Philippines*, Spain*, Sri Lanka, Turkey*, Uruguay and Venezuela: draft resolution

Human rights and terrorism

The Commission on Human Rights,

Guided by the principles embodied in the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenants on Human Rights,

Bearing in mind that the most essential and basic human right is the right to life,

Recalling the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 48/122 of 20 December 1993, its own resolution 1993/48 of 9 March 1993 and resolutions 1993/13 of 20 August 1993 and 1993/23 of 23 August 1993 of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities,

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* In accordance with rule 69, paragraph 3, of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

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Reiterating that all Member States have an obligation to promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms, and also that every individual should strive to secure their universal and effective recognition and observance,

Deeply concerned at the gross violations of human rights perpetrated by terrorist groups,

Profoundly deploring the increasing number of innocent persons, including women, children and the elderly, killed, massacred and maimed by terrorists in indiscriminate and random acts of violence and terror, which cannot be justified under any circumstances,

1. Reiterates the unequivocal condemnation of all acts, methods and practices of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, wherever and by whomever committed, as acts of aggression aimed at the destruction of human rights, fundamental freedoms and democracy, threatening the territorial integrity and security of States, destabilizing legitimately constituted Governments, undermining pluralistic civil society and having adverse consequences on the economic and social development of States;

2. Calls upon States to take all necessary and effective measures, in conformity with international standards of human rights, to prevent, combat and eliminate terrorism, and urges the international community to enhance cooperation in the fight against terrorism at the national, regional and international levels;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to collect information on this question from all relevant sources and to make it available to the special rapporteurs and working groups concerned for their consideration;

4. Urges all thematic special rapporteurs and working groups to address as appropriate the consequences of the acts, methods and practices of terrorist groups in their forthcoming reports to the Commission;

5. Requests the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to consider the possibility of undertaking a study on the question of terrorism and human rights in the context of its procedures;

6. Decides to continue its consideration of the question as a matter of priority at its fifty-first session.